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Human error blamed for SkyTrain outage

Transit. Electrician has been suspended amid ongoing investigation

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Human error is to blame for Monday's SkyTrain shutdown, according to TransLink.

Both the Millennium and Expo SkyTrain lines were down for approximately five hours on Monday because an electrician installing a circuit breaker for the under-construction Evergreen Line accidentally tripped the main breaker feeding critical systems at SkyTrain's operations centre, the transit authority has learned.

TransLink COO Doug Kelsey said the electrician — "a long-time good employee" — has been suspended as the investigation into the power outage continues.

Kelsey told Metro that power to the entire system has never been knocked out due to a tripped breaker, and a repeat of the problem is unlikely.

No permanent damage was caused by the outage, though the doors of one train were damaged when a passenger allegedly used a crowbar to pry them open.

Passengers are escorted out of a stranded SkyTrain car in New Westminster on Monday. BECCA STROM/TWITTER

Although apologetic, Kelsey said passengers who forced themselves off trains during the ordeal — instead of waiting for attendants to help them off when safe — added to the five-hour service delay.

The system outage was the second major disruption in less than a week, after an unrelated computer card problem stopped rush-hour service on the SkyTrain last Thursday.

Despite the fact TransLink called the two disruptions "unprecedented," Mayor Gregor Robertson isn't satisfied.

He's planning to call for an independent review of the SkyTrain system at the next Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation meeting.

"It's surprising a human error can shut down an entire system for hours," Robertson said at city hall.

"There need to be backup systems in place. When it impacts that many people for that long, you've got to wonder what contingency plans were in place, what backups and safeguards didn't exist to deal with the problem."

The mayor also used the disruption as ammo against provincial under-funding of public transit and the governance structure of the transit authority.

Kelsey, however, said an independent review isn't required.

"We already know what the cause was," he said.

To show appreciation to customers, TransLink announced transit will be free to the public on B.C. Day Aug. 4.

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Oppenheimer Park campers storm city council meeting

Fed up. Protesters rebuke mayor for not meeting promise to end homelessness

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People who have erected tents in a Downtown Eastside park blasted Vancouver's mayor for failing to end homelessness at a protest at city hall on Tuesday.

About 20 people, some who are homeless and have been camping at Oppenheimer Park for more than 72 hours despite receiving eviction notices from the city, disrupted the council meeting to decry the lack of housing and the dismal condition of single-room occupancy hotels (SROs).

"This all falls on you because you promised you'd end homelessness," one man shouted at Mayor Gregor Robertson as the mayor tried to resume the scheduled agenda.

Robertson was elected on a promise to end street homelessness by 2015, although senior levels of government have traditionally funded housing.

To defuse the tense situation, senior staff, city manager Penny Ballem and Coun. Kerry Jang met with the protesters in a separate room for about two hours.

During the meeting, the city and campers decided to form a committee to push the federal and provincial governments for more funding, Jang said. The city will also immediately try to fix problems such as bedbugs and mice in the SROs.

But there was no clear resolution to the problem of people sleeping in a park. It's illegal to set up tents in a park as it poses a public safety and health risk, city manager Penny Ballem said.

Campers were under the impression they could still sleep in the park as long as they didn't have tents, but Ballem said the city was hoping to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

Both Ballem and Jang refused to say whether the city would move to evict campers.

"Ideally, we'd like to have a very mutually respectful conclusion on this," Ballem said.

Audrey Siegl, a Musqueam woman who spoke for the protesters, said they will be able to tell if the city listened to their concerns by how it acts.

Audrey Siegl protests the city's failure to solve homelessness at Vancouver City Hall on Tuesday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

"I would like, first and foremost, for the bullying and the fear tactics on the part of the parks board and police to stop — and I would like real action taken to find livable subsidized homes, not shelters and not SROs," Siegl said.

RCMP investigate a suspicious death at Pemberton Music Festival on Friday, July 18. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

No foul play in festival death: Cops

Police have ruled out foul play in the death of a 21-year-old man at this year's Pemberton Music Festival.

Nick Phongsavath, of Regina, was found dead inside a tent on the festival grounds just after 6 p.m. on July 18.

RCMP initially said there "may be indications of foul play," so the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called in to take over the case. On Tuesday, IHIT announced that the death is no longer being treated as a homicide.

"As a result of the evidence found at the scene, witness statements and the autopsy completed on Nick Phongsavath, it has been determined that foul play is not a contributing factor in his death," said IHIT Staff Sgt. Jennifer Pound in a statement.

The investigation continues through the B.C. Coroners' Service.

The cause of death has not been publicly released.

Phongsavath's family has also released a statement, thanking police and festival organizers for their assistance and support. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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Granville Island. City to look into buying, leasing from federal government

Vancouver's city council has directed staff to look into buying or leasing Granville Island from the federal government amid fears the hub of local food and art will slip under the control of Port Metro Vancouver.

Council voted Tuesday to explore its options to control the island, which has been managed by the federal agency Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation with help of the local Granville Island Trust since the 1970s. The federal government is considering transferring the property to Port Metro Vancouver.

With big changes coming to the island — Emily Carr University is moving — Mayor Gregor Robertson said decisions should be made locally, not by Ottawa or the port.

It's not clear how much it would cost or whether the federal government would even consider selling the land to the city, but Mayor Robertson feels the city must step up to the plate.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

West Van. Police seek bus passenger after alleged incident with 11-year-old

Police in West Vancouver are investigating a disturbing incident involving a man accused of inappropriately touching an 11-year-old girl on a bus.

They say an elderly man sat next to the girl, who was travelling with a 22-year-old female family member, when the alleged incident occurred.

Police say another woman witnessed what happened and began yelling for the man to stop.

The man was ordered off the bus and the girl and the woman with her also disembarked near the local community centre and called police.

Officers located a man and spoke with him and are continuing their investigation.

Police say they're grateful that the female passenger on the bus interrupted an alleged offence but they would like her to call them so they can get further details.

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An exterior view of the British Columbia Legislature in Victoria, B.C., in 2011. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. records left to 'languish': Report

Boxed in. Decade of government records sit in temporary storage

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What we have here is a failure to archive.

That's the verdict from the cool hand of B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham, who found that some 33,000 boxes of government records — 10 years' worth — have been stored at off-site storage sites when they should be archived permanently.

In her report released Tuesday — titled A Failure to Archive: Recommendations to Modernize Government Records Management — Denham found that the government has not transferred records that are designated for permanent preservation because of a $454 per-box fee B.C. Archives began charging in 2003, when it became part of the Royal B.C. Museum.

Instead of paying the fee, thousands of boxes of government records have been "languishing in warehouses."

"Without an accessible archive of government records, citizens, journalists and historians are hampered in accessing records of our government's actions and deliberations," said Denham in a statement. "This situation cannot continue without significant financial and historical consequences."

Denham's report also found that the Document Disposal Action, designed in 1936, is not capable of addressing 21st-century needs, nor is B.C. Archives capable of archiving digital records.

She has called on government to modernize its current legislation around handling documents.

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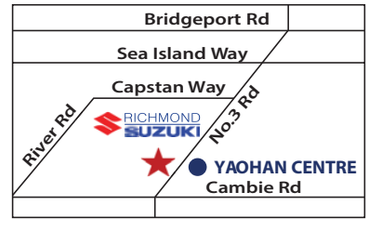

Damage tally reaches nearly $100K in Vernon's latest suspicious blaze

The latest suspicious fire in Vernon was an expensive one.

Damage from the Monday night fire at the Growers Supply Company in the north Okanagan city has been tallied at about $100,000.

Firefighters say as many as 1,000 empty apple bins burned, but quick work saved another 9,000 of the big containers.

The incident is considered suspicious because the apple bins were stored in a pile at the back of a locked lot and the fire began at the rear of the pile — also scorching a fence.

An exact cause is still under investigation but at the peak of the blaze, flames were leaping 30 metres into the air and officials say an aerial ladder truck was needed to pour water from above, while crews on the ground kept the fire from spreading.

Twenty-two suspicious fires have been recorded around Vernon since late May. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Banana peels must go in the green bin for Metro Vancouver apartment dwellers as of Jan. 1, 2015. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Apartment dwellers to go green in '15

Trash talk. Condo owners will also become composters

It's too expensive. There isn't enough space. It's yucky.

These are some of the excuses apartment buildings and condos use for not separating their compost from waste before it's sent to the landfill, with organics collected weekly and trash collected biweekly.

But the city is working on ways to help multi-unit buildings convert to collecting organics in green bins and trash in another, a separation that will be required by law throughout Metro Vancouver as of Jan. 1, 2015, according to a staff presentation at city council on Tuesday.

And it's going to take a lot of work.

Of the approximately 152,000 units in multi-family buildings served by private waste collectors, only about five per cent have voluntarily adopted green bin collection thus far, according to a staff report.

Albert Shamess, the city's director of waste management, is trying to quash fears about composting in larger buildings.

While organics collection has an additional cost, it will be balanced by lower costs of sending less trash to the landfill, Shamess said.

Contrary to what many believe, he said , composting does not attract rats if it's done properly. Indeed, home demolitions have accounted for the increase in rat populations across the city.

Plus, Shamess believes there is an appetite for more recycling and greener behaviour.

"We've got a lot of people chomping at the bit," he said.

Penalties for putting organics in the garbage will start in summer 2015. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Coquitlam

Help needed to identify remains

The B.C. Coroners Service is asking for the public's help in identifying a person whose skeletal remains were found in a forested area near Coquitlam. The service says the person is likely male, possibly between 45 and 65 years old when he died, and has likely been missing for years.

At some point in his life, the man suffered a severe injury to his face and head, and had many fractured bones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Caught on camera

Trio surrenders after cabin fire

Photographs from a very candid camera have forced three men to surrender to Mounties in Coquitlam.

RCMP say the three came forward Monday evening, just hours after their faces were broadcast in clear, concise detail, following an arson fire that destroyed a remote cabin near Pitt Lake, north east of Vancouver.

The pictures were taken by remote cameras posted in the trees around the cabin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Far-right fanatic

Norway marks third anniversary of terror attacks

Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg said Tuesday the best way to honour the 77 people who died in terror attacks in her country three years ago is to "fight for openness, tolerance and diversity."

Later sentenced to a 21-year prison sentence, far-right fanatic Anders Behring Breivik has confessed to the July 22, 2011, attacks in which he killed eight people in a bombing attack against the government headquarters and 69 others in a shooting spree at the left-wing Labor Party's youth camp on Utoya island.

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Hungarian ring

Canada deports 21 human traffickers

Twenty members of a Hungarian human trafficking ring that brought people from eastern Europe with promises of a better life in Canada have been deported, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said Tuesday.

He said the victims were forced to work illegally, live in deplorable conditions without adequate food, and were intimidated or attacked repeatedly.

The RCMP has previously said the victims were mostly poor Hungarians who were duped into coming to Canada and forced to work for free in a case of "modern-day slavery."

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Senate scandal

Duffy's personal costs charged to taxpayers: RCMP

The RCMP alleges that Sen. Mike Duffy charged taxpayers for a personal trainer, a makeup artist and for the cost of personal travel to funerals and other ceremonies.

New court documents provide fresh details on 31 charges laid against Duffy last week, alleging five "inappropriate expense claims associated with personal attendance at funeral and related ceremonies."

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End to fighting near: UN chief

A Palestinian family watches rescuers searching for bodies and survivors under the rubble of homes destroyed by an Israeli missile strike, in Gaza City, on Monday. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Hope and belief.'
Ban Ki-moon says a ceasefire is possible, despite obstacles

The UN secretary-general said Tuesday it is his "hope and belief" that his emergency mission to the Middle East will lead to an end to the fighting between Hamas and Israel "in the very near future."

Ban Ki-moon told the Security Council by videoconference from the West Bank city of Ramallah that he could not publicly reveal details "at this highly sensitive moment." As he started to address the council, a siren could be heard in the background.

The UN chief has also visited Qatar, Kuwait, Cairo and Jerusalem and said he will go on to Jordan and Saudi Arabia on what he called a mission "of solidarity and peace" to quickly end an escalating two-week war between Israelis and Hamas militants who control the Gaza Strip.

Their third conflict in just over five years has already claimed the lives of at least 609 Palestinians, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, the vast majority civilians. Twenty-nine Israelis have been killed — 27 soldiers and two civilians.

In the past three days, Ban has met with the head of the Arab League and Arab, Palestinian and Israeli leaders, as well as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Norway's foreign minister. He also spoke to French President Francois Hollande.

He cautioned, however, that "of course, there are many obstacles and complexities."

Ban said "the most promising prospect of a ceasefire" is an Egyptian initiative to return to the cessation of fighting in November 2012 that has been endorsed by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and the Arab League — but not Hamas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A relative mourns over the coffin of an Israeli soldier on Tuesday.
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State of the conflict

- **Casualties.** At least 29 Israelis have been killed, of whom 27 were soldiers and two were civilians. At least 609 Palestinians have been killed, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. More than three-quarters are civilians, including at least 152 children.
- **The fate** of an Israeli soldier who went missing in Gaza remains unknown.

Flying restrictions

Airlines halt flights to Israel

In a sign of increased caution about flying near combat zones, U.S., Canadian and European airlines halted flights to Israel Tuesday after a rocket landed near Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport.

Delta Air Lines and United Airlines suspended service between the U.S. and Israel indefinitely, while US Airways scrapped its one flight to Tel Aviv Tuesday.

Air Canada, Germany's Lufthansa, Air France, and Alitalia also cancelled flights to Tel Aviv over safety concerns amid the increasing violence.

Dutch airline KLM cancelled a flight from Amsterdam and Greece's Aegean Airlines also cancelled flights to Tel Aviv on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The actions come days after a Malaysia Airlines jet was shot down over eastern Ukraine with 298 people on board.

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Nigerian president meets schoolgirls' parents

President Goodluck Jonathan met for the first time Tuesday with parents of 219 kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls and dozens of classmates who managed to escape from their Islamic extremist captors.

Jonathan assured them of his determination that those still in captivity "are brought out alive," presidential spokesman Reuben Abati told reporters after the meeting. It was "a very successful event," said Abati. Some of the girls described their escapes and Jonathan gave assurances that the education of the girls and their still-captive classmates would not suffer in any way, he said.

The parents emerged from the closed-door meeting without showing emotion, but some shook hands with the president. The failure of Jonathan's government to rescue the girls has prompted an international campaign and #BringBackOurGirls rallies in Abuja, the capital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hometown under siege

Attacks, stress kill 11 parents

Since the abduction of the schoolgirls by Islamic extremists, at least 11 of the girls' parents have died and their hometown, Chibok, is under siege from militants, residents report.

Seven fathers were among 51 bodies brought to a Chibok hospital after an attack on a nearby village, said a health worker who insisted on anonymity. At least four more parents have died of illnesses blamed on trauma from the mass abduction, said community leader Pogu Bitrus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Malaysian investigators look around the crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 in site with members of the OSCE mission in Ukraine for the first time since the crash

Victims' bodies plane crash site

Malaysia Airlines Flight 17. Bodies will be flown to the Netherlands, where the majority of victims are from, to be identified

A train bearing the dead from the downed Malaysian airliner finally reached Ukrainian government-held territory Tuesday, but the pro-Russian separatists in control of the crash site showed little willingness to allow the full-scale investigation demanded by world leaders.

Five days after the plane was blown out of the sky, refrigerated railcars bearing victims' bodies — gathered up after several days in the sun — rolled out of the war zone and into a weedy rail yard in the city of Kharkiv.

The dead will be flown to the Netherlands, the homeland of most of the victims, for identification. The Dutch government declared a day of national mourning Wednesday, as the country prepared for the arrival of the first bodies in the afternoon.

It was unclear how many of the 282 corpses reported found so far were on the train. The crash killed all 298 people aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17.

Jan Tuinder, the Dutch official in charge of the international team dealing with the dead, said that at least 200 bodies were aboard the train and that more remains could be found once the body bags are examined fully.

Rebel leader Andrei Purgin, deputy prime minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, was quoted by Russia's Interfax news agency as saying the insurgents are willing to guarantee the security of all international experts.

International observers, who have been allowed visits only when accompanied by armed separatists, warned there were signs that the debris was being mishandled.

After a 17-hour journey from the town of Torez, in rebel territory, the train carrying the dead arrived at a Kharkiv factory where Ukrainian authorities have set up their crash investigation centre.

Separately, the flight data recorders will be examined by British air accident investigators. At the crash zone, Malaysia Airlines officials walked the site wearing backpacks, photographing the scattered debris.

Meanwhile, fighting continued in east Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin lashed out at Ukraine's military for trying to dislodge the rebels. Ukraine and Western governments claim the plane was shot down with a missile that was fired from a Russian-made mobile launcher in rebel hands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the village of Rozsypne, eastern Ukraine, on Tuesday. The investigators visited the last week. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

removed from in east Ukraine

Sanctions extended

Ukraine crisis affects the euro

The euro fell Tuesday to its lowest level against the dollar this year amid concerns that the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 will prompt a bigger freeze in relations between the European Union and Russia.

The crash of the jetliner has fueled concerns of a downward spiral in political and economic ties between the EU and Russia. EU foreign ministers at a meeting agreed to extend the current list of sanctions on Russian individuals and said they may yet penalize economic ties.

Western powers have said there is evidence that the jet was hit with a missile fired from territory controlled by pro-Russia insurgents. Moscow has suggested the missile was fired by Ukrainian government forces.

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Deal worth 1.1B euros

France refuses to scrap sale of warship to Russia

France says it will go ahead with the sale of a warship to Russia despite calls for an arms embargo against the country, highlighting how Europe's strong business ties are hindering its ability to punish Moscow over the crisis in Ukraine.

On Monday night, French President Francois Hollande warned about the costs of cancelling the deal. "The Russians have paid. We would have to reimburse 1.1 billion euros ($1.5 billion)," he said.

Ukrainian foreign minister Pavlo Klimkin criticized the sale as violating the EU's code of conduct, which forbids EU nations from exporting arms if they "would provoke or prolong armed conflicts or aggravate existing tensions." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conspiracy theories

Russian media speculation paints Ukraine as crash culprit

An assassination attempt against Russian President Vladimir Putin; a desperate ploy to draw the West into the battle for Ukraine's east; a botched mission to commit mass murder against Russian citizens: Russian news consumers are getting plenty of explanations for the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, which killed 298 people.

While they vary wildly in content, all point the finger at Ukraine. None admits the possibility that Russia may bear responsibility.

The story of the airline tragedy that is unfolding for Russians differs starkly from the one that people are following in the West. As U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told American TV viewers that rebels shot down the plane with Russian weaponry, Russians were being fed a diet of scenarios about forces in Ukraine conspiring to commit an atrocity in the skies.

Yekaterina Andreyeva, one of Russia's most famous TV anchors, delved into one theory hours after news of the crash broke: Putin, travelling home from Brazil, passed along the same flight path as the Malaysian passenger jet less than one hour before it was hit, suggesting an assassination attempt.

By Friday morning, the assassination theory was replaced by other scenarios.

One focused on the Buk missile launcher that Ukraine says brought down the plane. State-owned Rossiya TV pinned blame on Kyiv by saying the rebels did not own one, while Ukraine recently deployed a Buk launcher to the area.

Rossiya further said that the red, white and blue of the Malaysia Airlines logo "resembles the Russian tricolour" — hinting at a Ukrainian attempt to blow up a Russian passenger jet.

Russian media have suggested that Ukrainian authorities orchestrated the downing to make it look like a rebel attack.

Nationalist politicians are also heating up the tone in Russian media, and fuelling conspiracy theories.

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Moon landing

Obama has private meeting with Apollo 11 crew

This week's 45th anniversary of man's first landing on the moon is being celebrated at the White House.

U.S. President Barack Obama met with representatives of the Apollo 11 mission in the Oval Office Tuesday morning. Apollo 11 landed on the lunar surface on July 20, 1969. Astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon, died two years ago.

Armstrong's fellow crew members, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, were among those who met with Obama, along with Armstrong's widow, Carol. NASA administrator Charles Bolden also participated in the private meeting.

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Paid plasma clinics

Ontario introduces bill to ban paying donors for blood

Ontario's governing Liberals say they plan to join Quebec in banning payments to people for their blood and blood plasma, following the opening of two paid plasma clinics in Toronto.

They introduced legislation Wednesday that also incorporates changes recommended in the wake of a probe into why more than 1,200 cancer patients in Ontario and New Brunswick received diluted chemotherapy drugs.

The proposed measures include giving the Ontario College of Pharmacists the power to inspect and license hospital pharmacies and potentially other locations in the future.

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Prince William and his wife Kate visit the Sensational Butterflies exhibition at the Natural History Museum in London with their son, in this photo, taken July 2 but released Monday to mark Prince George's first birthday Tuesday. JOHN STILLWELL, POOL/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Actress Pinto speaks up for mutilated girls at U.K. summit

Girls' rights. Slumdog Millionaire star calls for increased efforts to abolish practice of female genital mutilation

Actress Freida Pinto of Slumdog Millionaire fame has joined forces with girls' rights campaigners in calling for an end to the practice of female genital mutilation.

The Indian actress, an ambassador for an international children's development organization, called Tuesday for more progress to abolish the practice as she addressed Britain's inaugural Girl Summit.

UNICEF, the United Nations' children agency, said some progress has been made on ending female genital mutilation, most commonly practiced in Africa and the Middle East. It is still highly prevalent in Egypt, Sudan, Mali and Somalia.

The agency and Britain's government hope that the summit will help galvanize action to end the practice within a generation.

Britain's government announced new measures to tackle the problems in the U.K., including prosecution for parents if they fail to prevent their daughters from being subjected to the practice.

The one-day event also focused on child marriages, which UNICEF says affects 700 million women alive today, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

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Malala

Also to address the summit was Malala Yousafzai, the teenager who was shot by the Taliban and recovered to become a global campaigner for education and women's rights.

- "Traditions are not sent from heaven, they are not sent from God," she said. "It is we who make cultures and we have the right to change it and we should change it."

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Getting the next generation to lean in

Equality. While Sheryl Sandberg's Lean In movement focuses on women, some groups are aiming to inspire girls to aspire to top tech jobs

Tech companies — whether they be established firms with thousands of employees or five-person startups only months in the making — have long been criticized for their lack of female employees, especially in management and engineering roles.

In the last few years, however, the industry has taken note of the gender disparity and it is slowly changing.

"It's a problem. It's a real problem," said Sandra Wear, an entrepreneur and CEO with the national organization, Canadian Women in Technology.

Wear, the founder of two tech startups, said the lack of gender diversity hurts the whole industry, especially one that should rely on diversity for innovation.

Heather Payne, who runs workshops in Toronto called Girls Learning Code, aimed at six- to 16-year-olds, said it's important to turn women into creators of technology, not just consumers.

"That's where the exciting jobs are. That's where you can still make a lot of money these days," said Payne.

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Students attend a Girls Learning Code computer workshop. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Netflix working on 'privacy mode'

On-demand video services like Netflix have become so prominent and so simple to use that it's easy to forget everyone in the household can, potentially, see what you've been watching.

Netflix's new director of corporate communications and technology, told Gigaom Media: "We are testing a feature in which a user watching a movie or TV show can choose to view in 'Privacy Mode.' Choosing that option means the program will not appear in your viewing activity log."

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Jaws is back.

But, instead of mass hysteria, the great white shark is now spawning retail frenzy along the banks of old Cape Cod.

Shark sightings have increased in recent years along with the increase in shark bait: big, tasty (if you're a shark) grey seals.

But instead of freaking out, people are flocking to the area to spot a shark and attack the racks, where they can buy great-white inspired T-shirts, hoodies, hats and cute little stuffed sharks.

People love sharks, and they love great whites most of all.

The 1975 movie, Steven Spielberg's first blockbuster, has earned about $2 billion US, adjusted for inflation, and its ominous duuun-dun, duu-un-dun music continues to resonate up and down our spines.

The success of Jaws led to a sequel and perhaps the greatest movie tagline in history: "Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water."

It also led to the summer blockbuster: the bloated multimillion-dollar overabundance of special effects and bad acting that has spawned a creature even scarier than a shark. His name is Michael Bay. He directed the Transformer movies.

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the theatre.

Hysteria aside, there have been 106 unprovoked great white shark attacks in U.S. waters, 13 of them fatal, since 1916.

You're as likely to be attacked by a grey seal.

Still, unlike the pleasingly plump and (usually) indolent seal, the great white has a powerful grip on our imaginations — as you might expect from a creature that can grow up to seven metres long, swim 65 kilometres per hour and bite with the force of 4,000 pounds, whatever that means.

Shark scientists believe most great white attacks on people are of the experimental variety, or test bites.

"It kind of looks like a seal, so I'll just give 'er a nibble."

There is learned speculation that great whites don't even like the taste of humans, which is probably cold consolation for those swimmers down one leg on account of a test bite.

I can testify that when someone on a paddle board comes screaming by, shouting, "Shark! Shark in the water!" you don't spend any time wondering about the myth versus the hype. You just get the hell out of the water as fast as you can.

Four-thousand pounds of force, indeed,

One good thing about all this great white shark worship: There could be as few as 3,500 great whites left in all the world's oceans after decades of over-fishing, mostly for shark fin soup.

Although it's probably too little too late, a little respect from its foremost predator is exactly what the great white shark needs.

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Myth vs. hype

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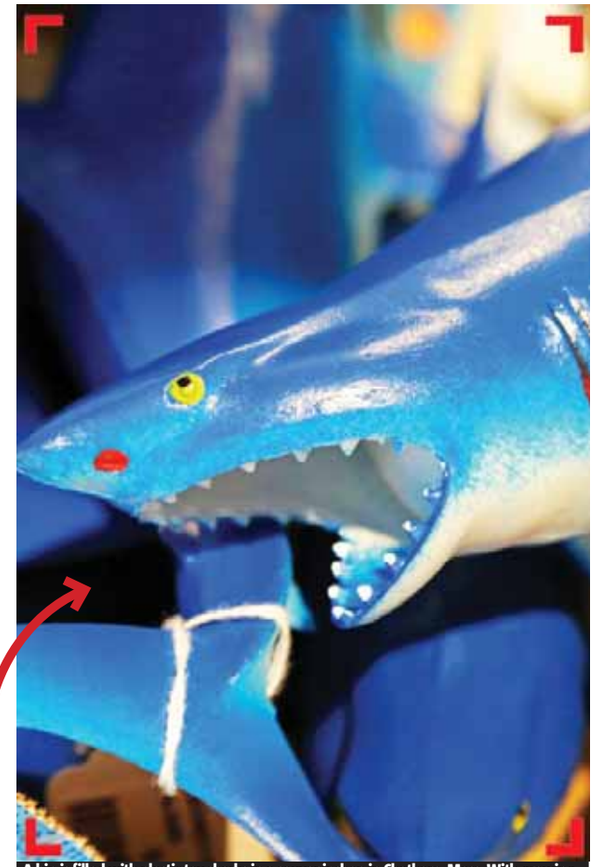

A bin is filled with plastic toy sharks in a souvenir shop in Chatham, Mass. With growing sightings of great white sharks off Cape Cod, local entrepreneurs are feeding the frenzy with their shark-themed memorabilia. STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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→ Still scared? Scan the photo with your Metro News app to see the opening of the 1975 movie Jaws and find out whether Chrissie's last swim still gives you chills. Steven Spielberg's first blockbuster led to a sequel with the eeriest of taglines: "Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water."

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Kayakers having a whale of a time

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Listen ... "whales are huge" is an absurdly obvious thing to say. The word "whale" itself is a synonym for things that are particularly gargantuan.

Heck, the blue whale is the largest animal to ever call our planet home. The evidence is in. It's settled. Whales are huge.

But then you see something like this jowl-jellying encounter between some Argentine kayakers and a few visiting whales, and what's left to say about an animal that resembles a small island emerging from an undersea eruption? (Gisela6652/YouTube)

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Tourists hike on the Athabasca Glacier at the Columbia Icefield in Jasper National Park.

Hiking the Athabasca Glacier

A guide holds the photographer's son Keifer over a 'kettle hole' at the Athabasca Glacier in Jasper National Park, Alta.

Mountain ranges seen from a helicopter tour near the Columbia Icefield in Jasper National Park, Alta. TODD KOROL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE PHOTOS

Choose an adventure. Exploring the Columbia Icefield is a blood-pumping, stomach-churning experience

TODD KOROL
For Metro

From Highway 93, running through Jasper National Park, the Athabasca Glacier looks daunting to climb. The glacier sits in a bowl surrounded by cloud-shrouded mountain peaks. My son, Keifer, and I have come to hike the glacier with our guide, Corin Lohmann, four Kiwis and a dog.

My blood starts pumping rapidly after the first vertical steps and soon we find ourselves among rugged rocks, walking past small Arctic flowers and streams of very cold water running at the base of the ice.

Everything is dwarfed by the scale of the glacier and the short, 60-day growing season. Trees that are 150 years old seem like matchsticks lining the tops of ridges.

When I hit the ice, I slip the ice cleats on the bottoms of my hiking boots. "We don't want anyone falling into an ice hole," Lohmann tells us. Indeed, hikers have fallen into ice holes and have had to be rescued by Parks Canada. "That's a good thing about your park pass; it includes getting rescued in the National Park," he grins.

As the ice crunches underneath our feet, we make our way up the glacier as large-wheeled, red buses full of tourists pass.

There are three ways to discover the glacier: You can hike it on your own. (Not recommended unless you really know what you are doing.) You can take a tour bus from the ice fields centre. (Hop on, ride up and hop off on the ice.) Or you can go on one of the Ice Walks tours, which my group quickly agrees is the best option.

Our first stop is at a simple metal pole sticking up through the ice. The pole is used to measure how much the glacier is melting in a year. With the top of the pole just 30 centimetres above the ice, no one pays it much attention. As the group chats, Lohmann walks over and grabs a pole lying on the ice. He hoists it up in the air, towering almost five metres above him. "This is how much the ice melted last year," he states.

The group suddenly falls quiet.

Our next stop is an ice plug. The plug is covered in snow and occurs over a melting ice hole. Some here can be more than 30 metres deep. "You don't want to take a ride down one of these," Lohmann says. He hangs onto the arm of each person in the group so they can peer down the blue and black abyss. When Keifer's turn comes up, his face lights up with the sense of adventure a 17-year-old has. My stomach quickly gets tight.

"That was so cool!" says Keifer as we hike back.

In the distance, on the way down, we see a dwarfed hiker walk along the top of a mountain peak. "It really puts you in your place," one of our New Zealand friends remarks.

We stop to fill our water bottles with fresh, clear glacier water. "This is probably pre-Industrial Revolution water," says Lohmann.

As we listen to the ice crunching below our feet, and look at the ice hanging over the rugged ridge lines, Keifer and I take sips of our water.

"This water tastes amazing," he smiles.

"Yes," I say. "And that was so much better than taking the bus up the glacier."

Correction

Drumheller is a two-hour drive north of Calgary. Incorrect information appeared in last week's Metro. Metro apologizes for the error.

Jasper National Park at a glance

Started at the bottom.
Tour allows majestic views of the glacier

JIM
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For Metro

The new Glacier Skywalk near the Columbia Icefield in Jasper National Park, Alta. Travellers can walk out and look down 918 feet through glass floors.

There are several dozen tourists on the Athabasca Glacier on a fine day in late spring, — visitors from China and France and Japan and the U.S. and other parts of the world. Most are gathered at the highest end of the glacier, snapping photos of a perfect Canadian flag flapping in the breeze and they are making silly poses for the camera.

Me, I've walked a hundred or so metres away from my fellow visitors. I hear only the murmur of voices up the hill as I gaze in wonder at ancient black rock and the purest white snow that has painted a masterful picture on this incredible, natural canvas. White clouds swirl in the blue Rocky Mountain sky and dart among the peaks. I feel immensely small and incredibly humbled.

The Glacier Adventure Tours have been an iconic part of a visit to the Alberta Rockies for years. The old, clunky vehicles have been replaced by sleek buses called Ice Explorers with $5,000 tires that reduce the environmental impact significantly and massive windows that open, enabling visitors to get a great view as the machines clamber up and down the steep hills.

It's an easy excursion. You take a three-minute ride in regular buses to get you from the Columbia Icefield Glacier Discovery Centre to the staging area, where you transfer to the specialized vehicles that take you onto the glacier.

As we make our way up the mountain, we roll past deep green conifers, some of them 700 years old. Our guide explains the functioning of a glacier and the deposits they leave behind and how they scour the rocks and create rock flour, which reflects light in such a way that we see that famous emerald green or green-blue water in places such as Lake Louise.

The glacier tours, which last an hour and 20 minutes in all, have been going on for decades.

Much newer and quieter, yet far more intimidating, is the new Skywalk feature just up the road.

It's a half-circle, glass walkway that juts out from the side of a steep cliff and takes you 35 metres out over a narrow, deep canyon, where you get up close and personal with the Alberta sky and get the most majestic of views of the valley below.

General manager Rusty Noble takes me on a tour of the facility. Before you even step out onto the glass, you walk along a stunning, paved pathway with spectacular views of the canyon. You pass entertaining, informative panels that talk about how glaciers helped form rock formations we find all over the world, including here and New York City's Central Park.

Noble explains how water from melting snow in the glaciers in this part of the Rockies has an impact around the world. Some of it flows to the Arctic through the Athabasca River, some to Hudson Bay and the Atlantic via the Saskatchewan River, and some to the Pacific by way of the Columbia.

"It gets folks thinking about how we're all connected," Noble says.

Getting around

- **Arriving:** The Discovery Centre is on the Icefields Parkway in Jasper National Park, an hour south of the town of Jasper and roughly 2.5 hours north of Banff.
- **Planning:** Locals say September might be the best time to visit, as the weather is good and crowds are way down.
- **Sleeping:** There's a 32-room hotel at the Icefields Discovery Centre called the Glacier View Inn, if you want to spend more time in the area. Rooms are quiet and spacious.
- **Going:** The Glacier Adventure Tours start at $49.95 for adults ($24.95 for kids six to 15 and free for those under six) and run daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from June 1 to Sept. 1. Hours are more limited in September and October and again in spring. For the Skywalk, one-hour visits are $24.95 for adults, $12.50 for kids six to 15 and free for those under six. The Skywalk is open May 1 to Oct. 19 this year.
- **Web surfing:** Brewster.ca, TravelAlberta.com

Road trip. A highway to remember

The drive from Jasper to Banff on the Icefields Parkway does not impress you, it disorientates you. It spins your sensory perceptions around at hyperspeed and dares you to make sense of all you are seeing.

On my drive from Jasper to Banff in May, the weather is warming up and the snow caps are still draped over the Rocky Mountains. The rivers and waterfalls are flowing in full, thunderous force and the summer crowds have not begun to materialize.

I start my morning in Jasper National Park and head south on the parkway, otherwise known as Highway 93. I've only been on the parkway for a few minutes, when I glance out and see a great view behind me of Pyramid Mountain. I pull over near a bridge over the Athabasca River and see a brown eagle nesting on a rock in the water. He, or she, takes off before I can get a photo, but I'm left with a quiet thrill.

"Bear jams" are not uncommon on the road, a result of tourists pulling over to shoot photos of the big creatures. I don't see any this time. But soon after seeing the eagle, I spot a group of about a dozen elk, or wapiti, with golden rumps nibbling grass shoots along the side of the highway, totally oblivious to the passing Hyundais and SUVs.

I drive south and admire sweeping bowls of black rock and pure white snow and deep green conifers and blue sky. It's morning and the mountains on the western side of the valley are bathed in soft pink and orange light.

I don't know anything about Athabasca Falls, but my map makes it look pretty close to the Parkway, so I pull over about a half-hour south of Jasper.

It's less than a minute to the falls' parking lot and then a very short walk to a powerful waterfall that has spent eons smashing and grinding its way through timeless rock.

Misty forests are thick with moss and deep green water and the scene is primordial.

I have the place almost to myself.

I admire the falls and hike down into a canyon, clambering under giant boulders to a lookout over a peaceful lake.

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Woman enough to kick butt as all-out action stars

Violent femmes. From wild pussycat Varla to Foxy Brown and now Lucy, fierce females tear up the big screen

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Pam Grier walks into a bar. Sounds like the beginning of a joke, but it's actually the setup for one of the great fight scenes of the 1970s.

Grier played the title character in 1974's Foxy Brown, a woman who poses as a high-end escort to get revenge on the gangsters who killed her G-Man boyfriend. When her undercover work brings her to a seedy bar, she confronts Bobbie, a tough-talking patron (played by Jeannie Epper who was also Lynda Carter's stunt double on Wonder Woman).

"Listen, skinny," says Bobbie, "before you start talking tough, I better warn you. I got a black belt in karate. So why don't you get out of here quietly, while you still have some teeth left in that ugly face?"

Before you can say, "You go, girl," Foxy clobbers Bobbie with a wooden stool, slamming her in the face then shattering it across her back.

"And I got my black belt in bar stools!" says Foxy.

Scarlett Johansson in Lucy. CONTRIBUTED

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→ How powerful is the mind? Lucy's trailer takes a look at what would happen if you actually used 100 per cent of your brain. Scan this photo with your Metro News app to see it!

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Grier could deliver a line and a punch, attributes that allowed her to cut a swathe in the male-dominated action movie market of the 1970s.

This weekend Scarlett Johansson adds to Grier's kick-butt legacy on the big screen with Lucy, an all-out actioner about a woman who becomes a superhuman when a drug allows her to use 100 per cent of her brain capacity. "I'm able to do things I've never done before," she says. "I feel everything and can control the elements around me."

Johansson joins a list of dangerous distaff action stars like Michelle Yeoh (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon), Jenette Goldstein (Aliens), Angelina Jolie (Wanted, Salt, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Lara Croft: Tomb Raider) and Uma Thurman (Kill Bill, Parts 1 & 2) who have given Schwarzenegger and Stallone a run for their money.

Perhaps the wildest female action movie of all time is 1965's "ode to female violence," Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill! starring Tura Satana as the thrill-seeking go-go dancer Varla.

Experienced in martial arts, Satana did her own stunts and brought her unique style — black leather gloves, Germaine Monteil eyeliner and layers of Max Factor pancake makeup — to the film.

She even supplied some of the movie's most memorable lines.

When a gas station attendant ogles her cleavage while extolling the virtues of being on the open road and seeing America, Satana ad libbed, "You won't find it down there, Columbus!"

Time critic Richard Corliss called Satana's performance "the most honest, maybe the one honest portrayal in the [director Russ] Meyer canon and certainly the scariest."

"I took a lot of my anger that had been stored inside of me for many years and let it loose," Satana said of her most famous role.

"I helped to create the character Varla and helped to make her someone that many women would love to be like."

Pam Grier in Foxy Brown. CONTRIBUTED

The Imitation Game. Cumberbatch plays code-breaking math genius

The trailer for a new biopic about Alan Turing, directed by Morten Tyldum (Headhunters) has been released, featuring Benedict Cumberbatch as the brilliant mathematician, whose exceptional intelligence was not always an advantage.

The Imitation Game tells the story of Turing, the British mathematician and cryptanalyst who is widely considered to be the founder of computer science. Benedict Cumberbatch (Sherlock, 12 Years a Slave) plays the title character, joined by Keira Knightley and Matthew Goode.

The biopic focuses primarily on the war years, during which Turing worked at the British government's code-breaking centre during the Second World War. His innovative solution for deciphering the Nazis' Enigma code laid the groundwork for his development of computer science in the years after the war.

The Imitation Game will arrive in theatres in the U.S. on Nov. 21. AFP

Benedict Cumberbatch GETTY IMAGES

Second season coming

Fargo gets new cast, new crime

FX is taking another trip to Fargo, where the cast is changing but some of the characters are not. The network announced Monday that it has renewed the series for a second season with new actors, time period and crime. Season 2 will be set primarily in North Dakota in 1979 with a younger version of the Lou Solverson character (played by Keith Carradine in Season 1). The earliest the series will air is fall 2015.

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Musician guest stars

Sons of Anarchy cast Love, Manson

Courtney Love and Marilyn Manson have roles on the upcoming final season of Sons of Anarchy. The musicians join such previous guest stars as Stephen King and David Hasselhoff as unusual casting choices in the motorcycle club drama on FX. "We try to have some things that are fun," said creator and executive producer Kurt Sutter. Love plays a teacher, and Sutter, a self-professed "huge" Nirvana fan, said, "I thought, who better than Courtney Love?" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Childless future not that far-fetched

The Lottery. Canadian-born actor David Alpay stars in Lifetime series about fertility crisis in the year 2025

Empty playgrounds and amusement parks foreshadow the eerie consequences of a future without children in the opening scenes of Lifetime's newest series The Lottery.

The dystopian thriller follows an unexplained infertility crisis in 2025 that has persisted for six years. This isn't an inconceivable scenario given recent events such as bee colony collapses and starfish die-offs, says actor David Alpay, who plays scientist James Lynch on the show.

"Humans could be next," says the Toronto-born Alpay. "Ten years is a huge amount of time in terms of what can happen chemically or environmentally."

Alpay, 33, says there is an appetite, especially among younger audiences, to talk about issues like the impact of drastic environmental changes in a contemporary context. He hopes that the The Lottery, which premieres Sunday, will provide a way into that conversation.

The 10-episode series was created and written by Timothy J. Sexton, who wrote the 2006 film Children of Men.

Faced with the potential demise of the human species, a breakthrough by Alpay's character and his boss Alison Lennon (Marley Shelton) that successfully fertilizes 100 embryos grabs the attention of the U.S. government, who swoop in to take control of their lab.

As President Thomas Westwood (Yul Vazquez) grapples with how to manage this discovery, his chief of staff, played by Canadian Athena Karkanis, suggests the embryos be assigned through a countrywide lottery. The result of this lottery is "dark and kind of crazy," says Alpay.

The pilot hints at the chaos caused by competing interests and political fallout, and includes flashes of angry riots.

This makes it a "visceral and understandable version of the future," says Alpay.

"All around us, things are burning and falling apart," he says. "We are so privileged not to have to see that on our doorstep, but it exists. It's right outside basically at our neighbour's house."

The series also follows Kyle Walker (Michael Graziadei), a single father of one of the last children to be born, who gets by financially by making house calls to hopeful women seeking to get pregnant.

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David Alpay plays James Lynch alongside Marley Shelton's character Alison Lennon on The Lottery. CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto actor is the real deal

In his role as a scientist, David Alpay gets to put his U of T biology degree to good use.

- "You know there is someone out there in his underwear watching the show saying, 'Hey, that doesn't make sense,'" says Alpay. "I want to limit that as much as possible."
- It was while he was at the U of T that Alpay landed a key role in Atom Egoyan's 2002 film Ararat, for which he earned a Genie nomination.

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The Word

My sweet lord! Bark beetles pine for late Beatle's memorial

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The world has a sick sense of humour sometimes. Case in point: George Harrison's memorial, planted 10 years ago in L.A.'s Griffith Park to honour the late Beatle. The pine, which had grown to 10 feet by last year, has been felled by ... beetles. Los Angeles city councilman Tom LaBonge tells the L.A. Times that the living memorial had fallen victim to "bark beetles and ladybug beetles, among other tree-unfriendly creatures," but at least there are plans to plant a replacement. Let's just hope the hungry insects haven't set their little beetle eyes on Strawberry Fields next.

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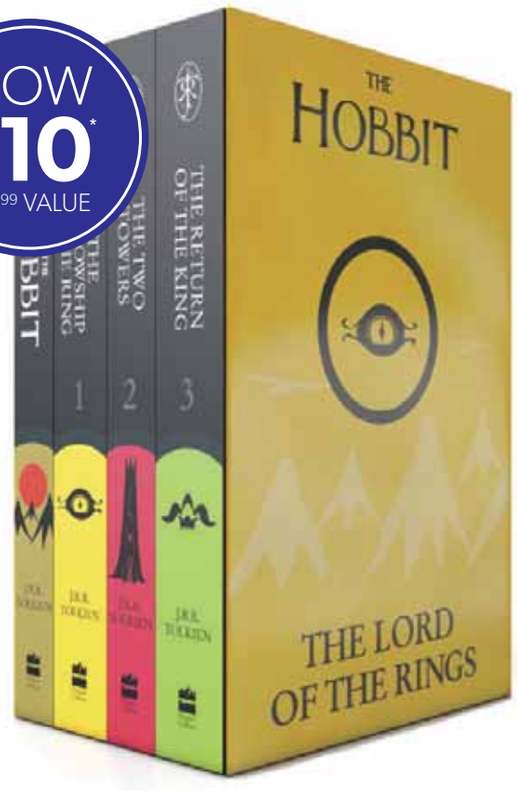

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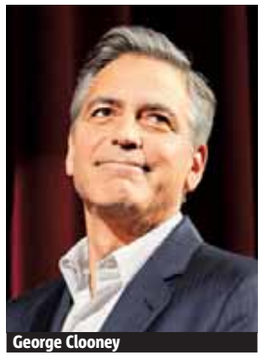
Zac Efron and Michelle Rodriquez. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Zac's got a tiger on his back the morning after his night with Michelle

Zac Efron and Michelle Rodriguez's summer fling seems to be going strong, as the Neighbors star was spotted leaving the Fast and the Furious actress's home on a recent morning, overnight bag in hand, according to E! News. The pair were reportedly living it up the night before at the Chateau Marmont with some pals, including Robert Pattinson. But Efron's overnight bag wasn't his only interesting accessory during his walk of shame. He also carried a skateboard and donned a jacket with a ferocious tiger on the back. Quite the look, Efron.

Clooney humble-brags his lucky catch

George Clooney, social climber? The Ocean's 11 star allowed his recent Variety interview to stray ever so briefly onto the topic of his engagement to human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin, but just long enough to offer a concise summary of the pairing: "I'm marrying up," he tells the publication. Better be careful, Ms. Alamuddin. This Clooney guy might be a bit beneath you.



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Come play with the Little Prince

New theme park. A park in the east of France celebrates life's small pleasures couched in the theme of a beloved character

Tucked into a corner of eastern France where overseas tourists rarely venture, the Park of the Little Prince takes its name from one of French literature's most beloved characters — and takes its cues from a simpler time when roller coasters didn't set out to terrify, living room televisions didn't have multi-player 3D video games and theme parks were scaled for the small.

The park, which opened July 1, is perfect for visitors looking for a way to entertain small children who might have had their fill of road-tripping through the French, German or Swiss countryside.

It's located in Ungersheim, in the heart of the Alsace region, about 50 kilometres (30 miles) from Basel, Switzerland, and about 15 kilometres (10 miles) from the German border.

There are 31 attractions based loosely on the theme of flight.

The Little Prince is a space explorer and author Antoine de Saint-Exupery was a well-known pilot. He got his pilot's license in Strasbourg, the regional capital of Alsace.

Attractions include two tethered passenger balloons, a film about deep-sea mysteries watched from the perspective of a water scooter, and visits with real fox cubs or a flock of sheep with their sheepdog.

Despite the smattering of high-tech, the park — like the book, which was published in 1943 — is more about slowing down and taking stock of the small things that delight. And remember, as the Little Prince said, "children should always show great forbearance toward grown-up people."

Try telling that to your excited kids as you walk through an amusement park's gates.

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The Little Prince. CONTRIBUTED

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→ Scan this Little Prince photo with your Metro News app to see a video highlighting some of the features in the theme park — including a delightful hot-air balloon ride that soars high in the sky!

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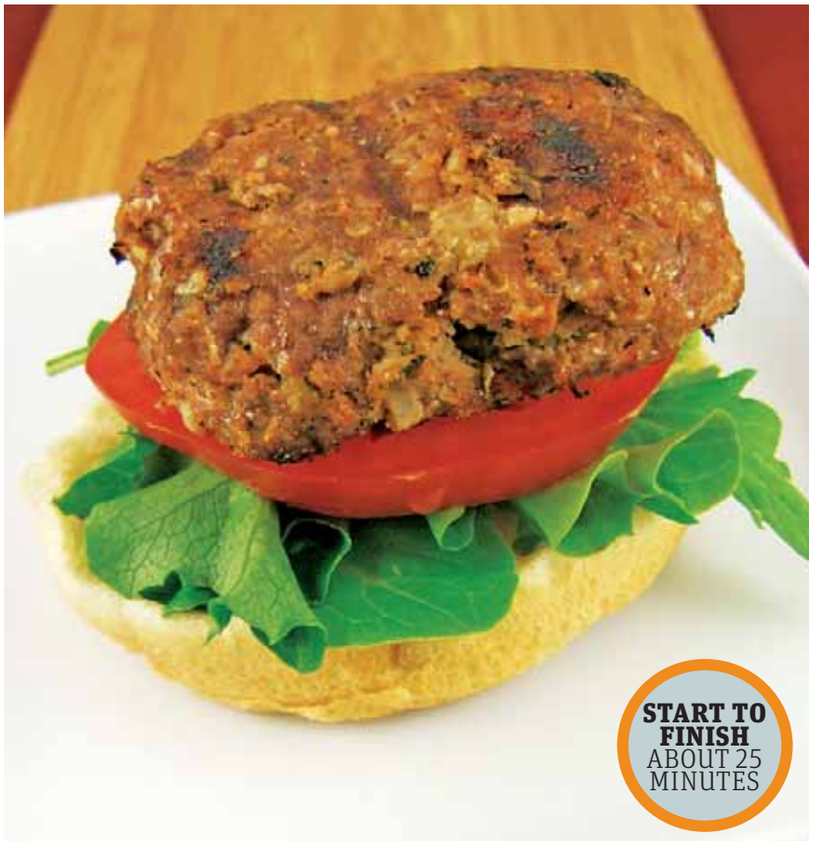
An aerial view of the Park of the Little Prince. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unlike other parks, this one is all about slowing down. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you go...

- **Park of the Little Prince.** parcdupetitprince.com. In Ungersheim. Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Adults, $30, children 3-11, $21, children younger than 3 free. Family pass (2 adults, 2 children), $94.
- **Getting there.** High-speed trains serve Strasbourg, about a 90-minute drive from Ungersheim, as well as Basel, Switzerland, about a half-hour drive from the park.

Burger loses its top bun but gains a kick



This recipe makes five servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Open-Faced Horseradish Burger. The spicy condiment pairs so well with beef that this dish is sure to become a summer staple

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Beef and horseradish are a perfect combination, making this burger a hit with meat lovers. For a spicier horseradish flavour, simply smother the top with some more horseradish.

1. In large bowl, stir onion, garlic, horseradish, steak sauce, mustard, Worcestershire, oregano and pepper. Add bran and wheat germ, stir to coat. Let stand 5 minutes. Using slightly damp hands, mix in beef until mixture is well combined.

2. Form meat mixture into 5 patties about 1/2-inch (1 cm) thick. Place on greased grill or in non-stick skillet for about 12 minutes, turning once or until no longer pink inside. Place patties on each half of buns. Top with lettuce and tomato slices.

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- 2 tsp (10 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp (10 ml) dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) each natural bran and wheat germ
- 1 lb (500g) extra-lean ground beef
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Avoiding a face-to-face faux pas

Success in the sit-down. Ace any interview by burying a few common blunders

LAUREN MARINIGH
Metro World News

In a competitive job market, it can be pretty hard to land an interview.

When you manage to get one, it's important to make the most of the opportunity.

Here are some common mistakes that may be stopping you from interview success, whether that means getting hired or progressing to the next stage of the hiring process.

Abandon these bad habits and your interviews will have a much higher chance of a positive outcome.

Behaving unprofessionally

Regardless of your chosen industry, previous experience or the nature of the position at hand, professional conduct is absolutely vital.

Dress to impress at every interview you attend, even if it's a casual work environment. Overdressing is better than underdressing. Avoid wearing sandals, short skirts, T-shirts, jeans or shorts.

Map out your route in advance, and be sure you have an alternate plan if there are any issues en route. If you're travelling to an unfamiliar area, you may want to test out your route beforehand.

Don't be afraid to ask for clarification with questions you're unsure of. The overall goal is to provide relevant answers to each question. ISTOCK

Time how long it will take to get to your interview, and allocate extra time for traffic.

Make sure you arrive on time — which means arriving early.

Aim to be at the interview site 15 to 30 minutes ahead of time.

Arriving too early can catch an interviewer off-guard, so be prepared to spend some time at a nearby coffee shop or other venue until it's appropriate for you to show up.

Once you arrive to your interview, turn off your phone. If a phone goes off in the interview, you might as well get up and leave.

Tip: You are under scrutiny from the moment you enter the interview location. Assume a confident, professional bearing in advance of your arrival.

Winging it

You read the job description and decided that you're a perfect fit for the role — but landing the interview doesn't mean anything is for sure.

A lack of preparation will make it harder for you to shine in an interview, particularly if you're unable to answer simple questions about the company's operations.

Remember, an interview is not just about your skills and experience. Capable interviewers will also be looking to assess your personal and professional fit. Make sure to read about the business. Note things like their mission, CEO's name, values, and services.

Have a good understanding of the actual position you are interviewing for. Can you identify the major skills and experience that would make someone an asset for the role?

Don't forget to study your own resumé.

Having a detailed knowledge of the company is just part of the picture — making compelling connections between the role and your own skills is vital for success.

Tip: Research sample interview questions online. Choose several at random. Could you compose a competent answer on the spot?

Oversharing

Some organizations do interviews in a very laid-back fashion, and work hard to make the whole process feel like a casual chat.

- It's important to take your cues from the interviewer, but don't forget the purpose of your meeting. Personal topics aren't relevant, so don't bring them up first.
- Take care to monitor how engaged the interviewer and other participants are. If they're talking at length about great take-out places near the office, be sure to engage and share your enthusiasm — but if you find yourself doing most of the talking, you've probably overstepped.
- Only discuss your past experiences in terms of what they taught you and how they position you for the job at hand. Don't focus on negatives or unproductive periods of your employment history.
- Tip: Be ready for questions about negative workplace experiences or times when you haven't met expectations. Make sure you know how to turn these into positive anecdotes.

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Baseball

Ryan McBroom lowering the boom for Canadians

Ryan McBroom has hit for power. He's hit for average. The biggest benefactor right now is the Vancouver Canadians.

It's early in his professional career, but perhaps one day it could also be the Toronto Blue Jays.

McBroom is a 15th-round pick of the Blue Jays from this year's MLB Draft in June. He was taken by the Kansas City Royals in the 36th round of the previous year's draft, but chose not to sign a contract, opting instead to finish his education at West Virginia University.

McBroom entered Tuesday's game against the Hillsboro Hops — the official start of the second half of the Northwest League season — on a hot streak that saw him record six hits in eight previous at-bats. He was also leading the C's with six home runs.

His power numbers are made better by his batting average — a solid .328 that had gone up a few points with his current streak.

It's not just his hitting that has impressed C's manager John Schneider. He's been solid defensively, with just two fielding errors this season prior to Tuesday.

"He plays with a sense of calmness on both sides of the ball," said Schneider.

"A guy like that is a guy you really want. It's been great to have the production, it's been great to have guys on base ahead of him and he's doing the damage."

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Tough enough

"His athleticism isn't a question, they're worrying about his motivation and desire.... I never see him turn away slights as motivation and he'll overcome it."

Lakers point guard Steve Nash panning ESPN personality Jason Whitlock's suggestion that Canadian basketball players — more specifically Andrew Wiggins in this case — lack drive.

Whitecaps need wins, not draws

MLS. Local side sits sixth in tight Western Conference race

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The Whitecaps' Sam Adekugbe goes airborne for a header against Toronto FC's Luke Moore on July 16 in Toronto. The Whitecaps are coming off back-to-back ties. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Russell Teibert was quick to point out at least one difference in the Vancouver Whitecaps this season compared to years past.

Draws on the road used to be a good thing, a result the club and players were pleased with. Now, not so much. The Whitecaps are coming off back-to-back ties while visiting Toronto FC and Real Salt Lake last week.

The Whitecaps managed two points out of a possible six, playing in difficult buildings against quality opposition.

But the club, which grabbed the lead in both of those matches, also missed out on a combined four more points up for grabs. The margin for error is minimal.

Four points lost now could mean a lost opportunity to make the playoffs for only the second time in the club's young MLS history.

It's tight in the Western Conference. The sixth-place Whitecaps, with a record of 6-4-9, could jump into second place with a win over FC Dallas on Sunday.

FC Dallas currently holds that second-place spot, but only by two points. That's all that's separating second from sixth in the West.

"This year, we're kind of devastated with a draw on the road," said Teibert, a Canadian midfielder.

This team was gushing with goals in the lead-up to the World Cup break.

With the break long since over, scoring has been hard to come by for the Whitecaps, who have tallied four goals since the schedule resumed June 25.

"I think teams have adapted to our style of play," admitted forward Erik Hurtado.

Carl Robinson is in his first year as a manager. He admitted he's still trying to figure his own team out.

Many of the players he's utilizing are young, as well. Up front, the player with the most MLS experience is Darren Mattocks, and he's still only 23 years old.

So yes, the Whitecaps are a young team, still growing.

That's reflected in the mistakes they've made at times trying to close out games.

"We're still progressing," said Robinson. "But we bounced back very well. It's important we fill that out with a victory on the weekend."

Sam eager to earn roster spot with Rams

Rams draft pick Michael Sam addresses the media during a news conference on May 13 in Earth City, Miss. DILIP VISHWANAT/GETTY IMAGES

Now it starts to get intense for Michael Sam and the rest of the St. Louis Rams rookies.

The first openly gay player drafted in the NFL is enthusiastic about the challenge. Twice on Tuesday, he mentioned how enjoyable it was being back on the field and trading wisecracks with teammates.

"I'm so excited to be back with the guys," Sam said. "Football's fun."

Sam hopes there will be less attention about his sexual orientation, but added his focus has to be on making the team. He said he's in the best shape of his life, dropping 13 pounds in the month since the last OTA workout, weighing in at 257 pounds.

"Feeling great," he said. "It's just where I want to be speed-wise, so I can run fast and make plays. I want to be as fast as I can."

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2014 Chevy Silverado

- **Type.** Two- or four-door, 4x2 or 4x4 full-size pickup
- **Engines (hp).** 4.3-litre V6 (285/305), 5.3-litre V8 (355/383), 6.2-litre V8 (420/460)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price.** $26,540 (plus destination)

Market position

The Chevrolet Silverado comes in three cab configurations (Regular, Double and Crew) and in a range of trim lines to suit various needs and budgets. As with Ford and Ram, heavy-duty models are also available.

Points

- This is the first year for the High Country, a top-line luxury trim model that roughly corresponds to GMC's Sierra Denali.
- A new bumper step and corresponding hand-hold is a simple but effective method of accessing the truck bed.
- Changes include new styling, projector headlamps, more differentiation between the trims, and a new available 6-foot-6 bed on the Crew Cab.

The Silverado has a bumper step to ease access to the truck bed.

Interesting features

An available MyLink infotainment system, high-wear cloth upholstery, forward-collision and lane-departure warning with vibrating seat alert, park assist, and power sunroof.

Chevy gets back in the game

PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH

Review. The improved Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups narrow the gap with their competitors

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There are few auto segments more fiercely fought than the pickup truck market, and few as diverse. Buyers range from those who tow massive campers and horse trailers to those who drive them primarily as big cars.

Because of this, automakers are updating their trucks far more frequently than they did in the past.

General Motors has introduced an all-new Chevrolet Silverado for 2014, along with its mechanically identical GMC Sierra twin. This truck had been lagging behind some of its competitors for a while, but it's now firmly back in the game.

The three available engines are the same size as on the last-generation model — a 4.3-litre V6, a 5.3-litre V8 and a 6.2-litre V8 — but they're entirely new, and they come with fuel-saving technologies.

One of them is cylinder deactivation, which seamlessly shuts the engine down to four cylinders when full power isn't needed. That's becoming relatively common on V8s, but it's rare to see it on a V6, as here.

The redesigned interior is both handsome and functional.

On the Double Cab, the rear doors are now hinged at the front instead of the back, making it simple to get into the rear seats. On all models, the doors are now flush with the body, rather than extended into the roof, which helps reduce noise. Overall, this is probably the quietest truck cabin on the market, and the redesigned interior is both handsome and functional.

A lower hip point on the seat makes it easier to get into this big truck. The new suspension and electric power steering have been tuned for responsive handling and a smooth ride, and it's a good driver.

It also tows well, although competitive trucks produce more torque than Chevrolet, with engines comparable to the Silverado's 5.3-litre V8.

Chevy hasn't leapfrogged over the competition with this truck, but the considerable improvements warrant serious consideration for those in the market.

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The outgoing 2014 makes way for an all-new, aluminum-bodied 2015 model later this year.

2 Ram 1500
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Three engines are available, including the only diesel engine currently found in a light-duty pickup truck.

3 Toyota Tundra
Base price: $26,950
Toyota offers two V8 engines, and has updated its styling and suspension for 2014.

DRIVE

So you want to be a race-car driver

Get ready to shake some hands. James Hinchcliffe warns there's as much work off the track as on

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As far as jobs go, you could do a lot worse than IndyCar driver.

Sure, you have to work weekends during the summer, but the money's not bad. Neither is the satisfaction level. It's way fun, too. And the teams always provide high-quality meal spreads on race days.

So maybe you saw last weekend's IndyCar doubleheader in Toronto, and it got you thinking that you should seriously pursue race-car driving as a career, or at least consider it for a fallback position should your current gig as wedding planner, audiologist, or telephone marketer not pan out.

Well then, you've come to the right place. Because we recently got some insight into the race-driver life from James Hinchcliffe, Canada's top IndyCar driver.

We caught up with him at a Honda Canada press event at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (formerly Mosport), a few days before the big races in Toronto.

The first thing we learned is that race drivers do a lot of this promotional stuff. Hinchcliffe figures it's about a 70/30 split for out-of-the-car promotional duties versus in-car race-car duties. The sheer volume of the former was the thing that surprised him the most when he first made the leap to the big leagues.

"In the junior categories, all you have to worry about is driving the car. Now, all of sudden, you have to worry about media and sponsors. That's one thing people don't appreciate — how little time we have in the car, and how much we are working outside of the car."

IndyCar driver James Hinchcliffe took journalists on a hot lap around old Mosport in a Honda Civic Si. MIKE GOETZ

In addition to the practices and racing on race weekends, Hinchcliffe says drivers may only get one extra tech day a month. Quite a difference, he noted, from something like a professional hockey player, who's on the ice almost every day during the season.

"Other sports are also not quite as sponsor-dependent," he explains. "It's the nature of the sport."

And although there is a big team element to a successful race, that doesn't mean the whole team shoulders the promotional activities. The driver is the focal point for any media, sponsor or fan-related interest — unlike an NHL team, for example, which could theoretically send anyone on its 23-man roster to fulfill off-ice team duties.

But don't get the impression that those activities are a burden to Hinchcliffe. He enjoys them, and he's good at them.

He is a natural spokesperson and very approachable and personable. At the Honda event, he mingled with everyone the entire day.

Well, at least until it was time to put in a hot lap in a Civic Si, to give journalists a lap time to aspire to on the track.

I didn't even try. I opted for the other option: riding shotgun with Hinchcliffe.

He showed me that, although there are lots of fast grooves on the racetrack for amateur drivers to enjoy, there is always a waaaaaay faster groove out there reserved for the pros.

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Easy riding to the end of the road

Yamaha FZ-07. Naked new sport bike is good-looking and handles like a dream along the B.C. coast

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It isn't always easy to find the right words to describe a new motorcycle, but after three days with the 2015 Yamaha FZ-07, the words that come to mind are fun and exciting.

The made-in-Japan FZ-07 is a good-looking naked roadster with an edge, offering standard straight-up sport bike ride.

It is the third addition to the FZ family joining the FZ6R and FZ-09.

Starting at $7,299, the lightweight, entry-level sport bike is aimed at everyone from the novice or step-up rider to the experienced.

The bike comes in three colours: white, matte grey and lipstick red (Yamaha calls it vivid red).

Even though many of the male journalists expressed interest in the red one, once I called it the lipstick bike, it was all mine.

We opened throttle on the Vancouver Island Highway just as the Canadian Air Force Snowbirds passed overhead in a training flight. But the men were already gone, using all 75 hp available from the 689-cc, liquid-cooled, parallel twin engine.

While the swarm of bees rode in formation focusing intently on the pavement, I took in more of the scenery. Motorcycles often take me to places I have never been and I am interested in soaking up all the hidden secrets.

At slightly faster than the posted speed, I casually glanced at my tach and was surprised to be approaching the 10,000 r.p.m. redline, but not yet running out of power.

In fact, even though the bike has a six-speed (overdrive) transmission, I didn't use the final gear and barely needed fifth gear in the straight stretches.

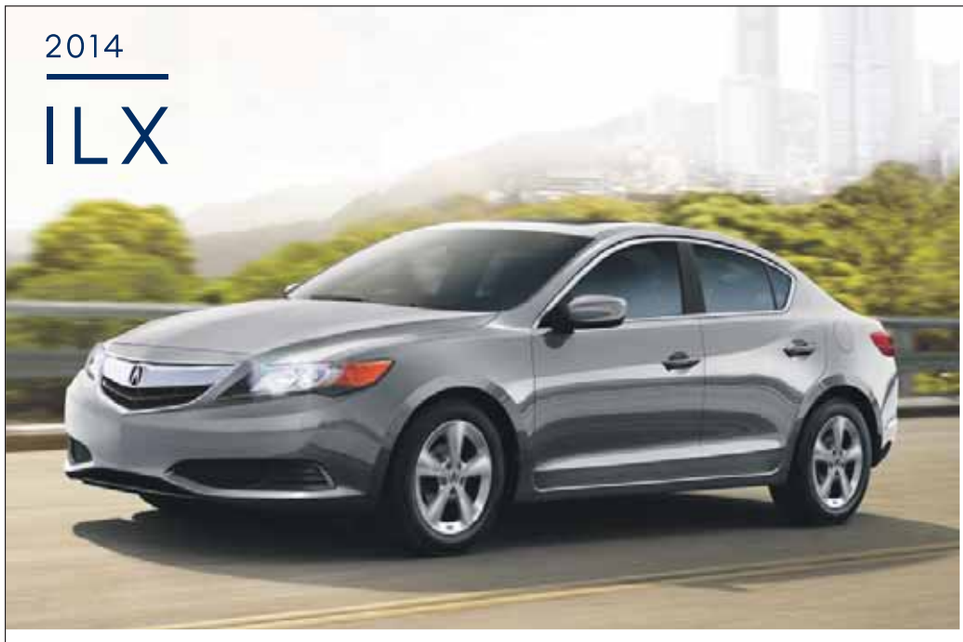
Highway 28 out of Campbell River offered ample twists and turns. I navigated the next 100-plus kilometres with the swarm of bees always just around the corner.

Here is where the 07 truly shines. Each gear ranges from 3,000 to 6,500 r.p.m., making it effortless to ride, as you don't need to change gears as you change speed. I simply rolled off the throttle approaching a bend and rolled back on as I exited.

After riding past thundering waterfalls and rock faces, I came out of the woods and into a clearing at Muchalat inlet, where I literally ran out of road. Wow! Another incredible destination I would never have seen if I hadn't been on a bike.

A small marina housed a few fishing boats, a float plane marked Air Nootka and a couple of tugs to haul logs. I guess you could say this was officially the middle of nowhere and it was beautiful.

Muchalat Inlet marked the end of Marissa Baecker's ride on the new Yamaha FZ-07. MARISSA BAECKER



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Self-driving cars are closer than you think

Robot rovers. Test vehicles can already park by themselves

Why waste your time looking for a place to park when your car can do it for you?

An idea that was pure science fiction a few years ago is becoming reality thanks to automatic robot cars.

There's now a driverless car that can drive into a car park at walking pace, let a pedestrian pass and back into a narrow space without the merest bump or scrape.

The technology that makes this possible has been developed by Swedish car company Volvo and French parts maker Valeo. It is still in the prototype stage but could be on the market in six years.

Some cars can already drive themselves in certain circumstances. The Mercedes CLS brakes by itself when the driver fails to react to the risk of an accident. Some BMW models warn drivers they are about to go over the white line and can go into automatic pilot in traffic jams.

"Lots of the technology is already out there," said Guillaume Devauchelle, director of R&D at Valeo. "But now we are at a turning point."

Rapid progress in radar and detection camera technology now allows cars to "see" things going on around them. Computers analyze road conditions and make the car react accordingly.

Which means that car makers believe that they will have models on the market capable of driving by themselves by 2020 and utterly autonomous robot cars by 2030.

This could radically cut mortality, said Franck Cazenave, marketing director at the parts maker Bosch, since "90 per cent of accidents are caused by human error." AFP

A Range Rover Evoque parks itself in research testing. AFP

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Taking control

New sports version of S Class is more high-tech than ever

Mercedes has unveiled the sports version of its new S Class Coupe. The Mercedes S63 AMG Coupe, successor to the S63 AMG Coupe, will be available in late 2014.

Thanks to its twin-turbo V12 engine with 630 hp, combined with a seven-speed automatic transmission, the new coupe can go from 0 to 100 km/h in 4.1 seconds.

Like the rest of the S Class range, the S65 offers a wealth of driver-assistance features, including everything from night-vision assistance to assisted emergency braking and driver fatigue alerts. The car is also equipped with systems designed to avoid accidents, detect pedestrians and alert the driver to lane departures.

Perhaps the most impressive technology is Magic Body Control, an active suspension system that detects road conditions and adapts the suspension accordingly. The car can even lean into the curves of the road, a little like a motorcycle. AFP

Tesla tops Spark, sort of, on AAA environment-friendly list

What's the best all-around environmentally benign automobile value in the market today? The answer is revealed in the American Automobile Association's 2014 Green Car Guide — and, well, it depends. AAA says the bottom-line best "green" car value is the gasoline-powered Chevrolet Spark 1LT, as determined through a system of 13 evaluations, just two of which — emissions and fuel economy — are specifically environment-related. The other categories include braking, crashworthiness, agility, ride quality, interior noise and acceleration. The overall standard-bearer of least environmentally destructive cars, however, is deemed to be the Tesla Model S, equipped with an 85-kilowatt battery and costing more than three times as much as the Chevy. TEXT AND PHOTO BY WHEELBASE MEDIA

Since being environmentally friendly is also about using fewer materials and not just fuel economy, smaller cars such as the Chevy Spark are at a natural advantage over larger, heavier cars.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you listen to what others say you will likely learn something to your advantage today. The Sun in Leo means there are opportunities coming your way.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If the stresses of life are getting to you, take an hour out of your schedule and sit somewhere quiet where you can refresh both your body and mind.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
There is no point worrying about how you are going to make ends meet. You know from experience that something always comes up.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Look ahead to where you would like to be a month or even a year from now and start doing the things that can make it happen. The more you focus on the goals, the more likely they are to come about.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The most important thing now is that you keep reminding yourself that all things are possible. You alone create the path you take through life and you alone are responsible for it.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may have a brilliant idea but don't do anything with it yet. Let it simmer for a while. When you come back to it later, it will have matured.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Life is meant to be enjoyed and that is exactly what you will be doing over the next few days. Others will be attracted by your positive vibes.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you pay attention to what a friend tells you today, you will learn something to your advantage. At the very least you will avoid making the same kind of mistake.

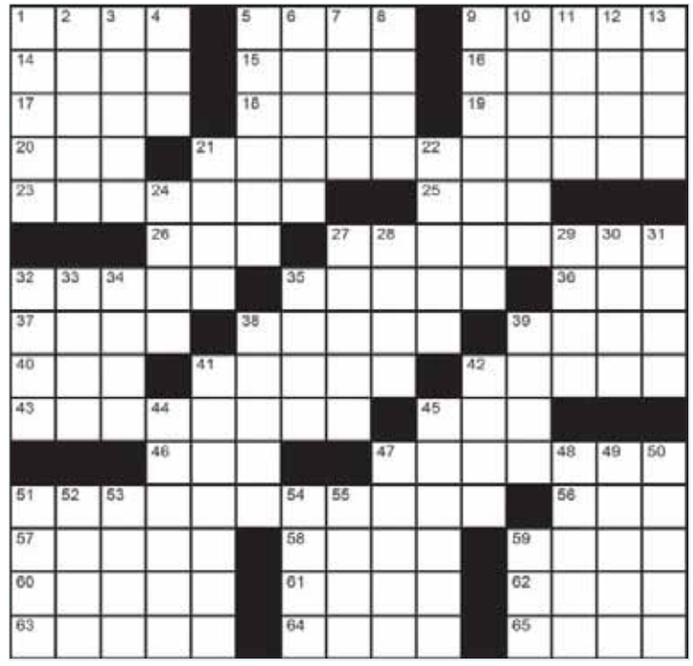
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The only danger now is that with so many marvelous things going on you could let down your guard and let others make decisions that are profitable for them but costly for you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You're entitled to your opinion and to be heard but if you think everyone is going to agree with you chances are that you will be very disappointed.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be nice to those you meet and do business with today. You are going to need their help over the next few weeks. Kind words will go a long way towards winning over important people.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If someone says something hurtful about you today don't take it too seriously. Most likely they are just having a bad day and need to let off steam.

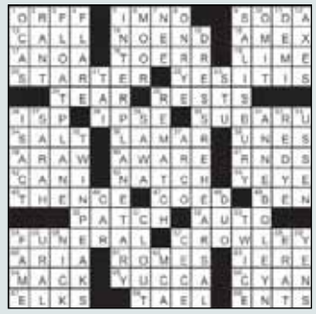
Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Beach lotions' 15 and 30, e.g.
5. Streetside eatery
9. Swayed
14. __ monde (High society)
15. Amongst
16. Fleshy-snouted animal
17. Contraption cartoonist Mr. Goldberg
18. Flatbread variety
19. Actress Ms. Christensen
20. Pres. Obama's country
21. Canada is the world's largest exporter of what crop?: 2 wds.
23. Prairie fruits, Saskatoon __
25. "I___ bit hungry, actually."
26. Entirely
27. Fictional Manitoba town in Margaret Laurence stories
32. Trans Canada __
35. "Long to __ over us / God save The Queen."
36. Cartoonist Mr. Keane
37. Mr. Malden
38. Irish writer Oscar
39. Bandar __ Begawan (Brunei's capital)
40. Vintage flicks American channel
41. Fixes
42. "Tall Tall Shadow" by Canadian songstress Basia __
43. Ottawa's NBL Canada team
45. Standard
46. Ike's WWII arena
47. Hockey goaltending great, Ed __, born in Carman, MB
51. Ontario scene of the annual Elvis Festival
56. Wildebeest
57. Aerosmith hit with Alicia Silverstone in the vid'
58. Grate
59. Ms. Drescher
60. Ms. Sevigny
61. Organic compound
62. Ernie and __
63. Charter
64. Trait carrier
65. Doctrines

Down
1. Bush
2. Hesitate
3. 2002 Canadian mockumentary
4. Fr. holy woman
5. "Bon Cop, Bad Cop" (2006) director, Erik __
6. Stockpile
7. Italian car
8. John Diefenbaker's first wife
9. Oprah's longtime love
10. Poland's capital
11. "I just baked _ _." ...said the baker
12. Greek Myth: Winged goddess
13. Diplomagetter, briefly
21. Pepper __
22. Array
24. Stairway feature
27. Blends
28. Assists
29. Biblical brother
30. __ Isabella, Canadian country songstress
31. Dismounted
32. Concert-goers' li'l purchases
33. Magazine __
34. Canadian __ (Military force)
35. Skater's spot
38. Trophy-getting team's shout!: 2 wds.
39. Ride the waves
41. "Young & Lazy" by Vancouver band The __
42. __ Eagle
44. Charioteering sun god
45. Barbra Streisand song
47. Higgs __, 'The God Particle'
48. Monsters
49. Take away weapons
50. Smallest litter puppies
51. Gladiator's 350
52 "What's Hecuba to him __ __ to Hecuba..." - Hamlet
53. Oasis song
54. "Dharma & __"
55 Decline
59. "The X-Files" org.

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

		2	5	3		9		8
7		9	8					1
	5							
4		3			2			
		1				2		
			6			1		5
							3	
3					7	8		9
9		7		4	5	6		

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	3	5	6	8	1	2	4	9
4	1	9	2	3	5	7	6	8
2	8	6	4	7	9	5	1	3
8	5	2	1	9	6	4	3	7
1	6	7	3	4	2	9	8	5
9	4	3	7	5	8	1	2	6
5	7	4	8	2	3	6	9	1
3	2	1	9	6	7	8	5	4
6	9	8	5	1	4	3	7	2

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